dars were present. It was the result of that conference that the property qualification is fixed at Rs. 25 assessment. So, the Hon'ble Member will be pleased to see that these rules were issued after considering the representations of all the Panchayatdars, i. e., of all the people of the State. And in order to issue a set of revised rules the matter requires very careful consideration.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I submit that it is not an answer to my question. There may be 100 conferences. What are the reasons which persuade the Government for the retention of the present rule ?

President.—No specific reasons can be assigned by the Government.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—But there must be some specific reasons inducing the Government for passing such a decision.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The object with which the restriction regarding the property qualification were issued was that Panchayatdars were people to whom Government funds are generally given. Further they are not strictly speaking advisory bodies. They are executive bodies.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Have any of the members of the Panchayat a right to utilise the Government grant other than the Panchayat President?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Panchayatdars have a right to utilise Government money with the consent of the Panchayat President.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Do the Government know that no such rule exists in any other State in India ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—How did the Government dispose of the suggestion made by the Legislative Council?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—What suggestion?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Suggestions made here regarding the cancellation of property qualification in the cause of nominations to Village Panchayats.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Suggestions regarding property qualification for nomination to Village Panchayats are being considered by the Government.

Judgment of the Chittur Munsiff.

89. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any case in which wholesale slander of 'foreign Brahmins' is made in the judgment of the District Munsiff of Chittur has come up for appeal in the District Court of Trichur in 1102 ;

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(b) the action they have taken for the objectionable tone contained therein?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) There was a case in which some adverse comments were made on Embrandiries of South Canara whom the District Munsiff called 'these foreign Brahmins'.

(b) No action was taken. Having now seen the remarks made by the District Munsiff, the Government do not consider that there is a proper case for any action being taken.

Action taken on the token motions passed in the last budget session.

90. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government on the several token cuts passed during the last budget debates with a view to recommending action to be taken by Government?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Action, if any, taken will be seen published in the Gazette.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here do the Government take pains to ascertain whether any action was taken?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar—In what respect should pains be taken by the Government, Sir? I may ask here whether the Hon'ble Member is not aware that an order has been issued in the Gazette.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether any action was taken or not.

President.—Suppose the Member goes through the Gazettes and if he finds that no action has been taken, what is he to do?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Which are the particular Gazettes in which these things are published?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar—Gazette is issued every Saturday, unless the Saturday becomes a holiday.

President.—Are you not perusing the Gazettes?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are we to refer anything and everything to the Gazette?

President.—You are a Member of this Council and as such Gazettes are issued to you and so you must make a note of these things.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So, anything said in the Gazette will not be answered here? If the date of the Gazette is specified, it is alright.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar—That may be supplied.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the action proposed to be taken by the Government also be seen in the Gazette? That portion has not been answered.

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